# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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RESEARCH IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of universities in the country wherein research in environmental science is carried out;

(b) the number of students who have been awarded M.Phil or Ph.D degrees in this subject during the last three years;

(c) whether the said students are given preference while recruiting environment teachers, environmental scientists or environment officers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that research (M.Phil and Ph.D) in Environmental Science is being carried out in 78 Universities in the country.

(b): The UGC has further reported that 791 students have been awarded M.Phil or Ph. D degrees in Environmental Science, during the last three years:

(c) & (d): The UGC (Minimum Qualifications for appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other measures for the maintenance of standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2010 stipulates that for recruitment of an Assistant Professor, one of the minimum qualifications is possessing good Academic Record with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) at Master's Degree level, in a relevant subject from an Indian University or an equivalent degree from an accredited Foreign University. Further, clearing National Eligibility Test (NET)/ State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) is also a minimum eligibility condition for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professors in Universities and Colleges. NET is being conducted in Environmental Sciences subject. Candidates who have been awarded a Ph.D degree in accordance with the UGC

(Minimum Standards and Procedures for award of Ph.D) Regulations, 2009 are exempt from the minimum eligibility condition of NET/SLET.

These Regulations also lay down the procedure for recruitment of teachers in Universities and Colleges and are binding on these Higher Educational Institutions.